

letters of credit for his assurance were sent, but before they came to his hand, God most wonderfully and miraculously revealed and prevented it. The manner of it is as follows

Some followers of Don Antonio, hoping to raise themselves by his fortunes, and finding his success not answerable to their expectations, grew discontented, and so became instruments to betray their master to the King of Spain, and practise any treason that could be devised, either against Don Antonio's state or the Queen's person. Lopez, outwardly pretending to favour Don Antonio, was a secret instrument for the King of Spain, and carried his actions therein more covertly under pretext of service for Don Antonio. He continued his secret course of intelligence with the King of Spain for many years by means of Emanuel Andrada, Bernardino Mendoza and others. Andrada wrote to Mendoza that he had won Lopez, but the letter being intercepted, Andrada was apprehended and committed. Lopez practised to have secret speech with Andrada before he was examined, and directed him what answer he was to make, insomuch that Andrada was released. These services were so acceptable to the King of Spain that he sent Lopez a jewel.

After this Andrada dealt with Lopez for poisoning the Queen. They had many conferences when Lopez undertook to do it, and directed them to signify this to Count Fuentes and to Stephen de Ibarra, the King's secretary. Andrada then went to Calais to convey intelligence between Lopez and the King of Spain and his Ministers, he told Ferrara de Gama that he might commit all things to Lopez, who hoped to do one great service to the King, and a remedy for Christendom, which was to poison the Queen, the King paying for it

Lopez and
 Ferrara afterwards conferred together, and Lopez
 undertook the
 poisoning for 50,000 crowns, which Ferrara
 signified by letters
 to Count Fuentes and Stephen de Ibarra
 Ferrara, with the
 privity of Lopez, wrote to Chnstofero de Moro,
 assuring him of
 Lopez's affection to the King of Spam Lopez also
 sent two
 packets of letters to Count Fuentes, de Moro and
 de Ibarra,
 wherein he promised to do all the King of Spam
 should com-
 mand, and, since the King knew the business, as
 he told Ferrara,
 he made him write in obscure and covert words
 Lopez often asked if the money and answer
 were come, and